

**DALLASTOWN BOROUGH
175 E. BROAD STREET
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The November 9th meeting of the Dallastown Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Ronald Smith, followed by prayer, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald Smith – President
Tomas Metz – Vice President
Gina Smith – President Pro Tem
Quay Markel
Karen Hoyt-Stewart
Paul Liesman

ALSO PRESENT

Connie Stokes – Borough Manager
Steve Malesker – C.S. Davidson - Engineer
Peter Ruth – Stock & Leader - Solicitor
David Garabedian – Zoning Officer

ABSENT

David Simpson – Councilman - ill
Terry Meyers – Mayor – broken foot

VISITORS

Michael Keiter – 141 S. Walnut Street, Dallastown
Kim Sterner – 211 KIRSTA Lane, Dallastown
Jennifer Zielinski – 150 S. Charles Street, Dallastown
Wesley Hare – 205 S. Queen Street, Dallastown
Jay Shewell – 159 S. Charles Street, Dallastown
Dean Walker – Kaltreider-Benfer Library
Kaila Young – York Dispatch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 11th – Veteran’s Day Holiday – Office will be closed.
- November 14th – YCBA Annual Dinner Meeting at the Great American Saloon
- November 26 & 27th – Thanksgiving Holiday – Office will be closed.
- November 28th – Town Tree Lighting – 6:30 pm in front of American Legion – followed by the Children’s Christmas Party with Santa at Fire Hall
- Condolences were extended to Steve Malesker on the passing of his mother.

APPROVAL OF 10/13/15 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Mr. Metz to approve the 10/13/15 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 10/26/15 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Metz moved and was seconded by Mr. Liesman to approve the 10/26/15 Budget Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Mr. Markel moved and was seconded by Mr. Liesman to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Mr. Markel moved and was seconded by Mr. Liesman to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

YORK AREA REGIONAL POLICE REPORT – Cpl. Boyce was present to give the report.

- There were no significant incidents for the month of October.
- Due to the continuing nice weather, there have still been some bicycle patrols in the Borough. There is a lot less foot traffic now that school is back in session. They are still keeping an eye on the Community Park. Ms. Hoyt Stewart stated that there have been some complaints about kids being on the dugout roofs at night and the noise level. There was discussion about the possibility of a motion light being installed to help curb the problem.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Ehrhart was present to give the report.

- There were 10 calls during the month of October.
- There is an issue with alarms at Victoria Villas. There have been 14 calls since April, all false alarms. Some of the alarms are operator error, but due to regulations, the response cannot be limited to just the duty officer. All apparatus must respond when the alarm comes in.
- At the Halloween Parade, there were some issues with areas/intersections being blocked with vendors which would not allow for emergency vehicles to pass thru.
- Mr. Metz was thanked for his help with a fire company grant.

RECREATION

- The Halloween Parade went well, receiving many compliments.
- Witch Watch was in action during Trick or Treat on Halloween.
- Christmas in Dallastown, which was this past Saturday, was a big success once again.

VISITORS

- Drew Walker, representing Kaltreider-Benfer Library, spoke to Council concerning donations. They like to visit the municipalities at least once a year to thank everyone for their support. He gave a little information as to where the donations go. He also stated that 1837 students participated in the summer reading program this year. Also, 43% of the Dallastown Borough residents have library cards.
- Jay Shewell, Wesley Hare, Michael Keiter & Jennifer Zielinski spoke to Council concerning the street project and sidewalks on Queen Street. Mr. Shewell feels they were singled out to put sidewalks in at their expense when other areas were receiving them at no cost to the homeowners. Mr. Smith

explained that the Borough received grants for some areas, and that these areas are determined by York County Planning Commission. The Borough applies for grants every year for the areas they have scheduled for street projects, but there is no guarantee that they will be received. He also explained that per Borough Ordinance, any property that abuts a highway (a road regularly traveled by vehicle or foot traffic), must have sidewalks. When the Borough does a street project, it tries to make it a joint project with other utilities, such as water & gas. At that same time, curbs and sidewalks are addressed and grants are applied for. Dallastown Borough has been very lucky over the past few years to even receive any grant money. The residents also feel that the expenses are being compounded with having to also replace the water service lines if lead or galvanized. Mr. Smith reiterated that when the Borough tears up a road for repaving they like to address everything in that road so as not to have to tear it up again. Ms. Zielinski asked what happens if the resident can't afford to make the repairs. Mr. Smith tried to explain to her about special financing with a lien on the house. Mr. Hare asked whether the completion date for sidewalks was still 7/31/16 and it was confirmed that it is.

- Mr. & Mrs. Shewell also brought to Council's attention how dangerous the intersection at Queen & S. Pleasant is. People park on the yellow lines and motorists have a difficult time with visibility when pulling out from Queen onto Pleasant. They were told that the police can enforce that by citing the parked vehicles. Ms. Stokes also told them the Borough will research doing a traffic study on the area.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – There were no action items.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- The MS4 Report was given to the Borough for review.

BUSINESS FOR ACTION – There was no business for action.

BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Approval was needed for advertisement of the 2016 budget.
Motion: Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Ms. Smith to approved advertisement of the 2016 budget.
Motion carried 6-0.
- Mr. Simpson was looking into some additional information concerning mileage & expense reimbursement for conferences. Since Mr. Simpson was absent, the subject will stay on the agenda until next month.

ZONING/CODES REPORT

- James Denniston of Village Realty applied for special exception variances with the Borough Planning Commission to construct a 7 unit dwelling at 404 N. Pleasant Avenue. The Planning Commission recommended approval of his request, now it must go before the Zoning Board.
- The Zoning Board granted the variance for the 2 unit property to be constructed on the corner of 23 N. Park Street. No plans have been submitted or permits issued at this point.
- Mr. Garabedian is working on grant applications for next year.

REPORTS

- Police Reports

- York Adams Tax Bureau Meeting Minutes
- Pension Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Mr. Metz to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Wertz